

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

**REPUBLICAN NATIONAL
COMMITTEE, et al.**

PLAINTIFFS

v.

CAUSE NO. 1:24cv25-LG-RPM

**JUSTIN WETZEL, in his official
capacity as the clerk and
registrar of the Circuit Court of
Harrison County, et al.**

DEFENDANTS

consolidated with

**LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF
MISSISSIPPI**

PLAINTIFF

v.

CAUSE NO. 1:24cv37-LG-RPM

**JUSTIN WETZEL, in his official
capacity as the clerk and
registrar of the Circuit Court of
Harrison County, et al.**

DEFENDANTS

RULE 16(a) INITIAL PRETRIAL ORDER TO CONFER

In the above-styled consolidated cases, the defendants have requested and obtained exemptions from filing answers to the pending Complaints, and they have agreed that all issues presented should be resolved via cross-motions for summary judgment. The Court intends to schedule an in-person scheduling conference as soon as practicable.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that on or before **March 13, 2024**, all lead counsel of record shall confer regarding all applicable matters set forth in L.U.Civ.R. 26(f). In addition, the Court intends to schedule an

in-person initial Rule 16(a) pretrial conference. Therefore, lead counsel of record shall provide the Court with proposed dates and times on which the parties are available.

SO ORDERED AND ADJUDGED this the 4th day of March, 2024.

s/ *Louis Guirola, Jr.*

LOUIS GUIROLA, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE